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My dear Friend

It was a great gratification to me to receive your letter from Munich & Vienna. I know well how difficult it is to find time to write when on a journey, and I can well appreciate the value of the time you have bestowed on me - I have followed you in your tour with great interest and only regret you should have given up the Felvic which is I believe the grandest of all the great Alpine Papers.

I am now about to start with Mr Bream on our Pyrenean excursion without having done a quarter of what I had hoped to get through this Spring - After the Heaths were finished I had to work up Hartwig's Mexican plants & to make a show of going on with Schomburgk's Guiana collection which is all I have done - a set of Swan River plants which I had to distribute took me ten days or a fortnight to sort - and I could not resist examining some of the most striking Papilionaceae which kindly is to publish for me - Besides Horticultural and other business has occupied me much I have therefore been obliged to return Dr Torrey's Leguminosae and Scrophulariaceae untouched as you left them - I have sent them to Wiley and Putnam's together with a copy for each of you, my "Planta Hartwegiana" up to n^o 211 & there